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WINSLOW RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

FOR THE YEAR 1945.

HEALTH
A 15 OCT 1945
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Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the annual report of the Medical Officer of Health to the Winslow Rural District for the year 1945.

During my absence with the Forces upon administrative Public Health duties in Germany, the work was ably performed by Dr. Doris Critchley.

Owing to the retirement of Mr. J.C. Nicholls the late Sanitary Inspector, in May, and the fact that Mr. H. Nicholls did not resume his Sanitary duties until December the district was not served by a permanent officer for a considerable period.

However the general health of the inhabitants has remained satisfactory, and there has been complete freedom from epidemics of serious infectious disease.

It is encouraging to note that there was not one case of diphtheria notified.

I wish to record my thanks to the Members of the Council for their helpful co-operation, and to the Members of the Public Health staff including Mrs. Monk for their valuable assistance in the preparation of this report.

I am, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant

Doris Critchley

Public Health Officers for 1945.

Medical Officer of Health.

Dr. Doris Critchley.

Medical Officer under Poor Law Acts
and Public Vaccination.

Dr. A.E. Leapingwell.

Sanitary Inspector.

Mr. H. Nicholls.

Public Health Clerk.

Miss G. Yeo.

Extract of Vital Statistics for 1945.

Live births. Total 104.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	49	43	92
Illegitimate	5	7	12
<u>Still births</u>			
Legitimate	3	1	4
Illegitimate		1	1

<u>Deaths of Infants.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Under 1 year of age	2	1	3
Puerperal Sepsis	None	None	"
Measles	"	"	"
Whooping Cough	"	"	"
Diarrhoea under 2 years			
<u>Birth rate</u> per thousand		13.86	
<u>Death rate</u> " "		12	
<u>Infant mortality rate</u> per thousand live births		28.85	

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	36,260
Number of inhabited houses 31st. Dec. 1945 (according to Rate Book)	2,146
Rateable Value (31st. December 1945)	£29,519
Sum represented by Penny Rate (31st March 1946)	£118

Pathological Examinations. Laboratory Facilities.

The arrangement continued for medical practitioners in this district to enjoy the facilities provided by the Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Oxford.

The laboratory at the Ministry of Pensions Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury continues to examine and report upon pathological, milk and water samples submitted by statutory officers for bacteriological examination.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

The offer of free immunisation was continued to all children over one year of age throughout the district through the agency of the schools which were visited for the purpose. 65 children were immunised during the year.

An infant welfare centre is held at Winslow each month where immunisation is performed. Children from the Newton Longville area visit the Bletchley infant welfare centre.

The Bucks County Council Child Welfare Authority has also a scheme whereby children may be immunised by the family practitioner free of charge.

Hospitals Serving the District.

1. General Hospital Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury.
2. Infectious diseases Grove Fever Hospital, Linslade.
3. Tuberculosis None within the district. Suitable cases sent to the Berks & Bucks Sanatorium.
4. There is a Public Assistance Institution in Winslow providing about 60 beds.
5. Maternity. A Maternity Ward of 10 beds is provided at the Public Assistance Institution at Winslow.

Mental deficiency.

There is an Institution in Winslow for mental defectives. 40 beds are provided, 33 for females and 7 for males. All cases are feeble minded and of low grade.

Treatment of Venereal Diseases.

The Bucks County Council are participants in the London and Home Counties Joint Scheme operated by the London County Council.

Full details of the hospitals within the Scheme, at any one of which patients from the County of Buckinghamshire can obtain treatment free of charge, may be obtained on application to the County Medical Officer of Health, County Hall, Aylesbury.

Local Facilities for treatment.

Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury. The days and times for attendance are as follows:-

Men	Monday evenings
	Thursday "
Women	Monday evenings
	Thursday "

In necessitous cases application for assistance towards payment of travelling expenses should be made to the Medical Officer at the Clinic.

Prevalence of, and control over, infectious and other diseases.

During the year 72 cases were reported:-

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1945.

	Civilian.	Non-civilian.	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	1	None	None
Diphtheria	None	"	"
Measles	62	"	"
Pneumonia	2	"	2
Skin Disease	2	"	None
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	"	"
Chicken Pox	2	"	"
Whooping Cough	3	"	"
Tuberculosis (respiratory)	Now cases	None	

Analysis of Deaths.

Tuberculosis	2
Syphilitic diseases	-
Influenza	2
Cancer (all sites)	11
Diabetes	1
Intra Cranial vascular lesions	11
Heart disease	21
Other diseases of circ. system	2
Bronchitis	12
Pneumonia	2
Other respiratory diseases	2
Other digestive diseases	1
Nephritis	1
Premature birth	1
Con. mal. birth inj. infant dis.	1
Other violent causes	1
All other causes	12
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Water Supply.

The Bucks Water Board, of which the Council are a constituent member, are the statutory water undertakers in the district and their mains are available in each parish. The supply is adequate and of good quality.

During the war years the parish public pumps have been maintained for emergency purposes and still constitute the source of supply for a number of houses.

In the event of water from a public pump being found to be unsuitable for human consumption, a warning notice to the inhabitants is attached.

It is anticipated that with the carrying out of comprehensive sewage schemes in many parishes in the post war years a considerable number of properties will be connected to the Board's mains and the existing wells and pumps can then be dispensed with.

Sewerage Schemes.

Ministry of Health inquiries pending for sewerage schemes in the following parishes:-

Drayton Parslow.	Nash.
Great Horwood.	Stewkley.
Little Horwood.	Swanbourne.
Mursley.	Shenley Brook End.
North Marston.	Whaddon.
	Winslow.